Designing Outcome-oriented Performance Regimes to enhance societal transition for inner area regeneration

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Field of analysis: inner area regeneration





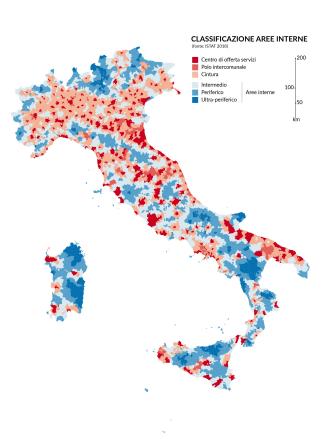


Peripheral places that combine <u>both urban and rural features</u>, seamlessly embedding a <u>poly-centric network of small towns</u> and their countryside into a whole geographic and social context where <u>thousands of people reside</u>.



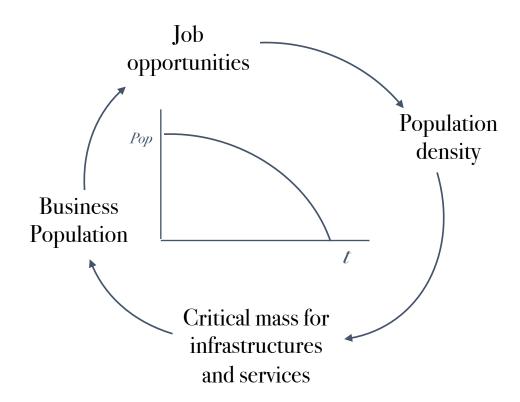




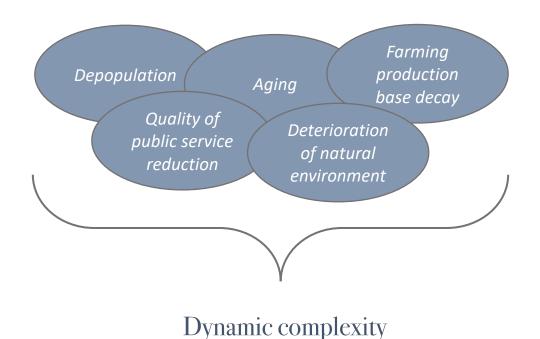


Inner area regeneration as a dynamic and complex issue requiring the use of outcome-oriented performance regimes in collaborative settings

Vicious cycle of inner area decline



Adverse outcomes shaping peripheral places



Focus of the study: regeneration policy

Regeneration as:

"programmes and policies intent to lead to the social, economic and/or community development or rejuvenation of a local area – and particularly where this area has recently suffered significant decline or depopulation"

(Osborne et al., 2002, p. 4)

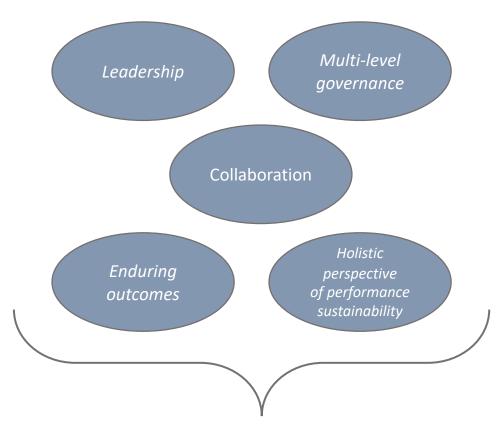
Traditionally fields of practice:

- <u>urban regeneration</u> (Couch, 1990; P. Jones & Evans, 2008; Leary & McCarthy, 2013; Tallon, 2010)
- <u>rural regeneration</u> (Edwards et al., 2000; Osborne et al., 2002a, 2002b; Pemberton, 2019; Shand, 2016; Shucksmith, 2000).

The insights emerging from both urban and rural regeneration studies cannot be passively transposed to the field of inner areas.

Main challenges associated with inner area regeneration

- **involving** a plurality of local stakeholders (farmers, community development professionals, voluntary and community sector infrastructure bodies) (Osborne et al. 2004);
- **identifying** the fields of practice for inner area regeneration (OECD, 2006; Pemberton, 2019);
- widening the range of options for project funding and implementation (Cepiku et al., 2019);
- addressing the lack of jurisdiction on on specific matters (e.g., health care, environment, and education) that pertain to the regional or national level (Edwards et al., 2000; Pemberton, 2019).



Outcome-oriented performance regimes

Research design, method, and purpose

Conceptual framework

Research on <u>urban</u> regeneration

Research on <u>rural</u> regeneration

Discrete approach for modernization vs. societal transition

Holistic view of sustainable performance

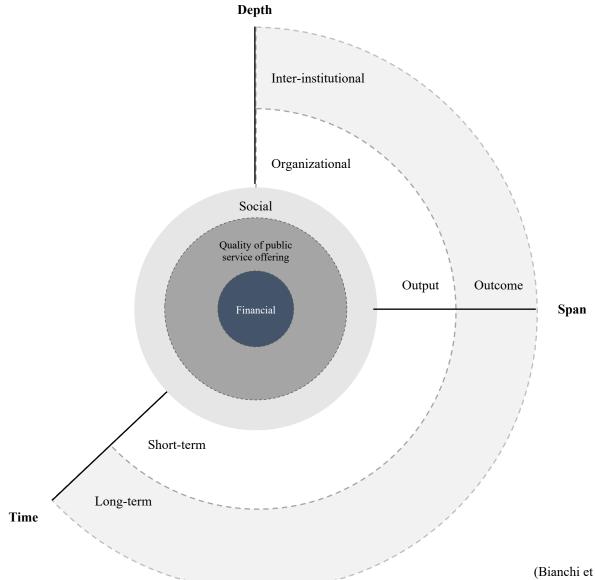
Collaborative performance regimes

Dynamic Performance Governance Experimental field

Case study (document analysis and semistructured interview with key stakeholders)

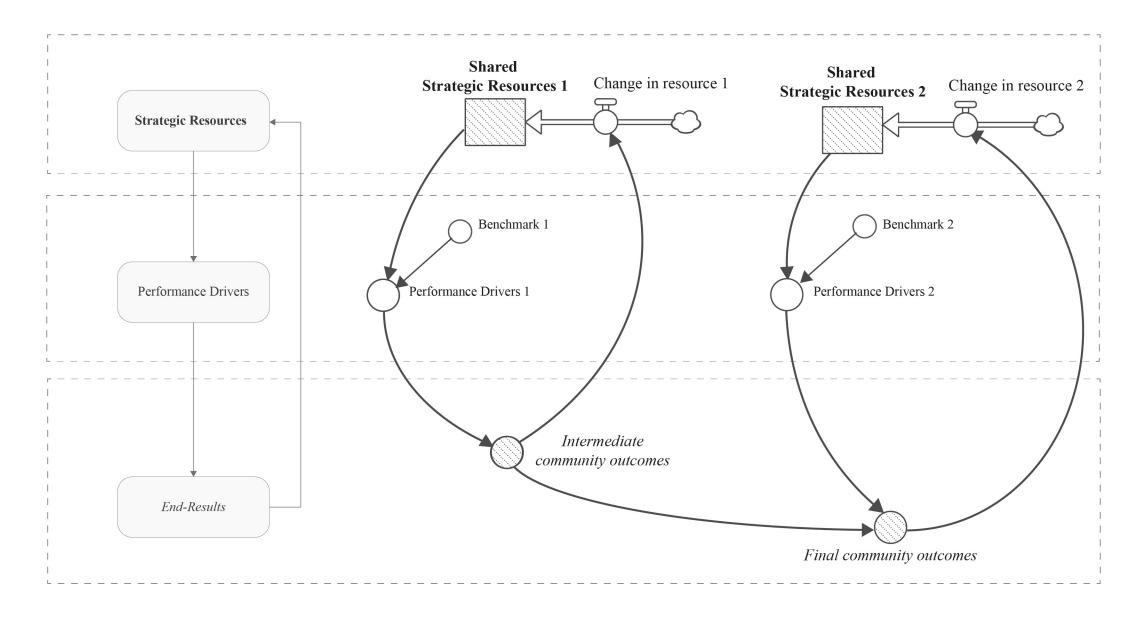
Illustrating how outcome-oriented performance regimes may help stakeholders in collaborative settings to enhance societal transition for inner area regeneration

Holistic view of performance governance sustainability



(Bianchi et al., 2021b; Coda, 2010; Osborne, 2018, 2020; Walker et al., 2010; Ammons, 2001; Bouckaert & Halligan, 2008; Hatry, 1999).

A dynamic perspective of performance governance



The case of "Madonie inner area"

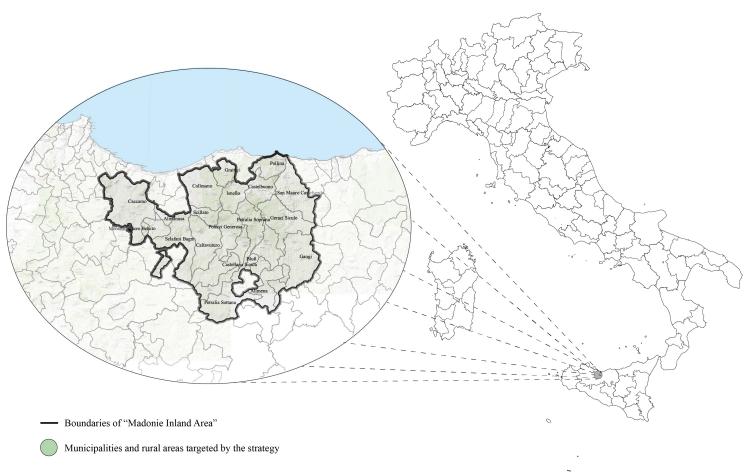




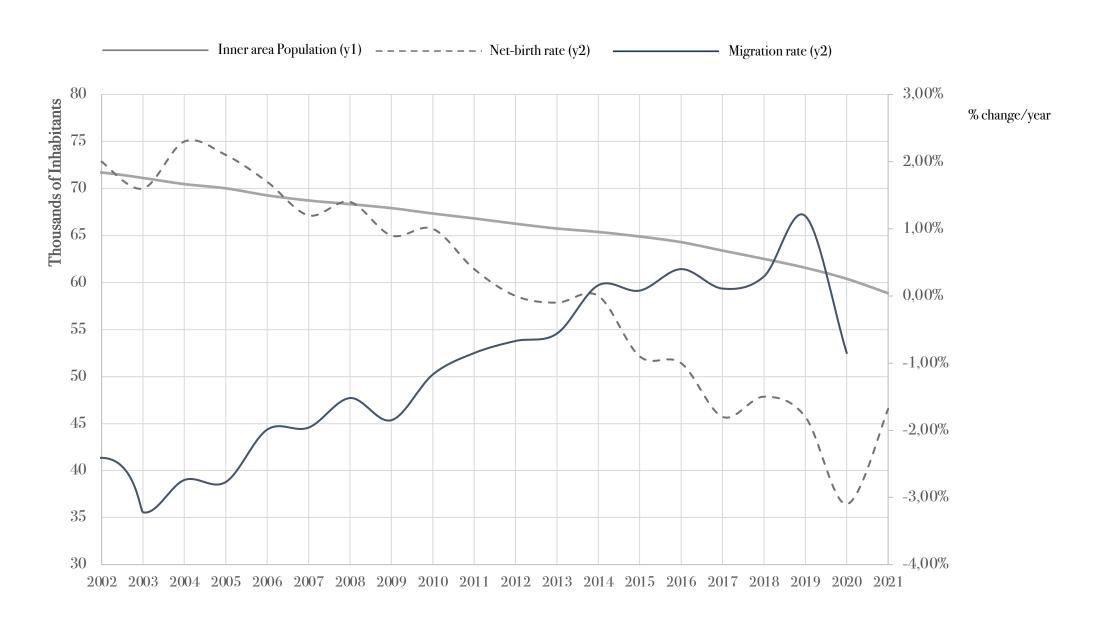




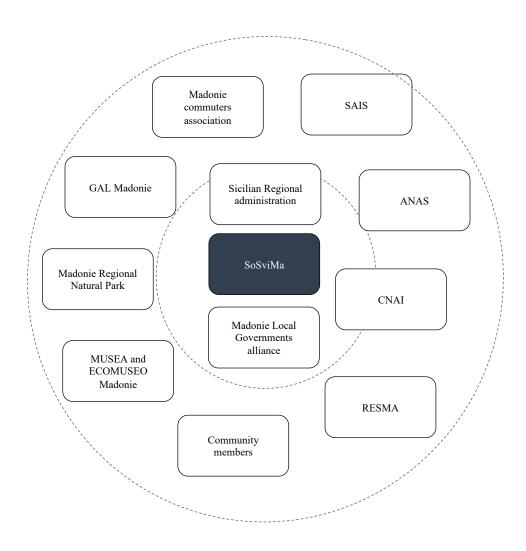




Madonie inner area population dynamics



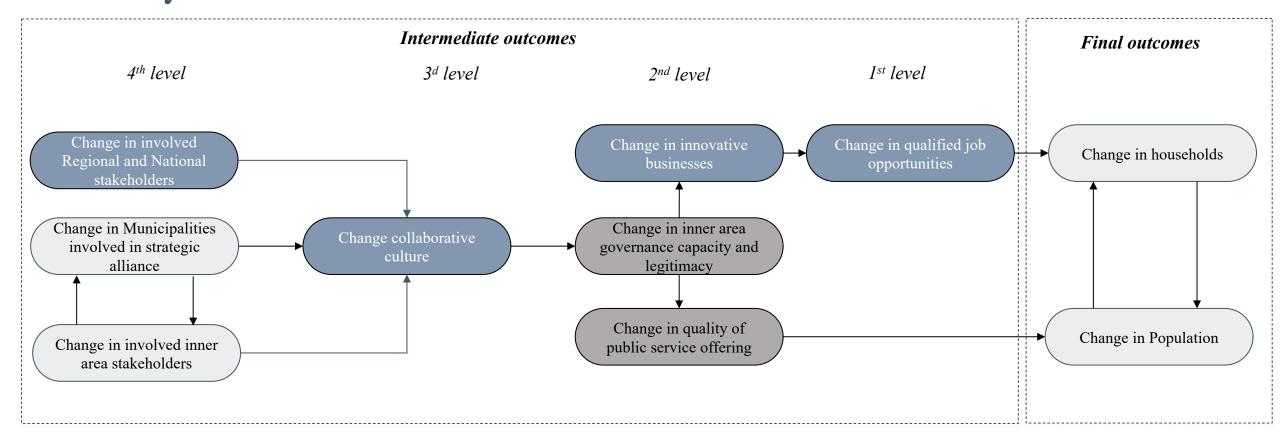
Madonie inner area collaborative network

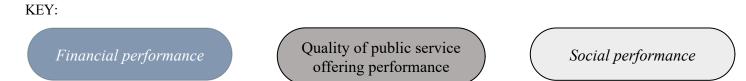


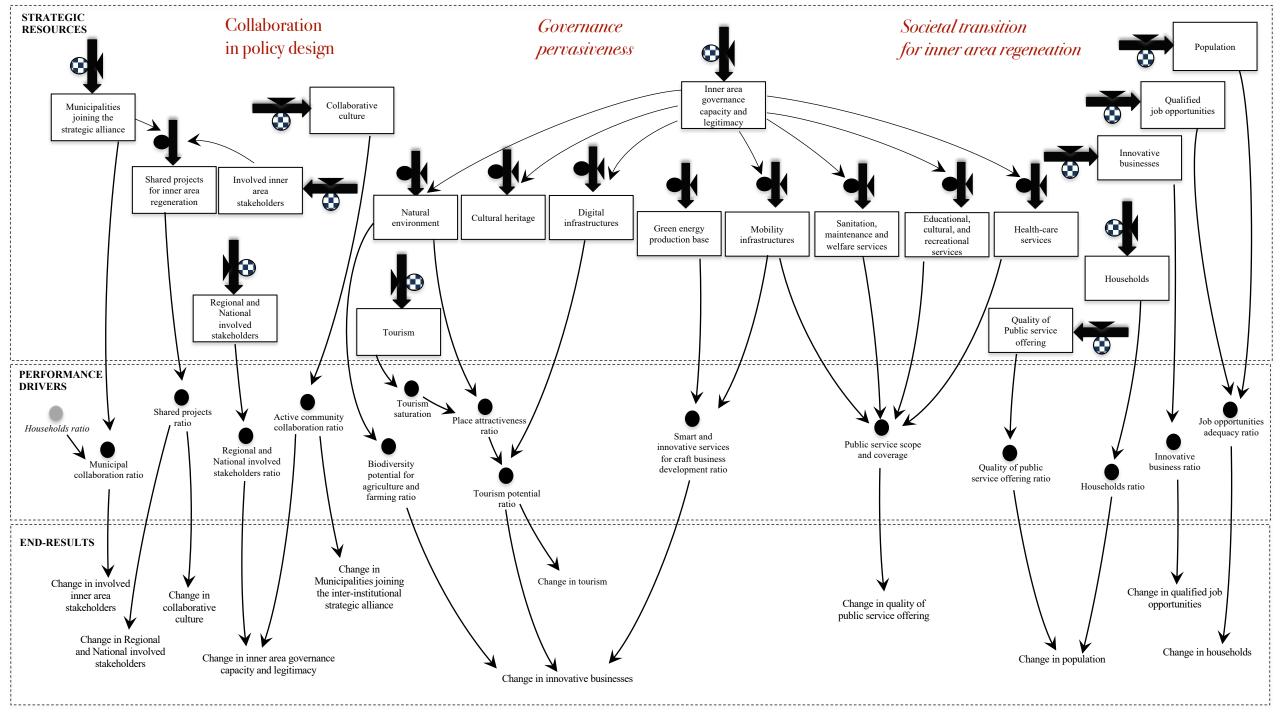
Strategic goals for inner area regeneration

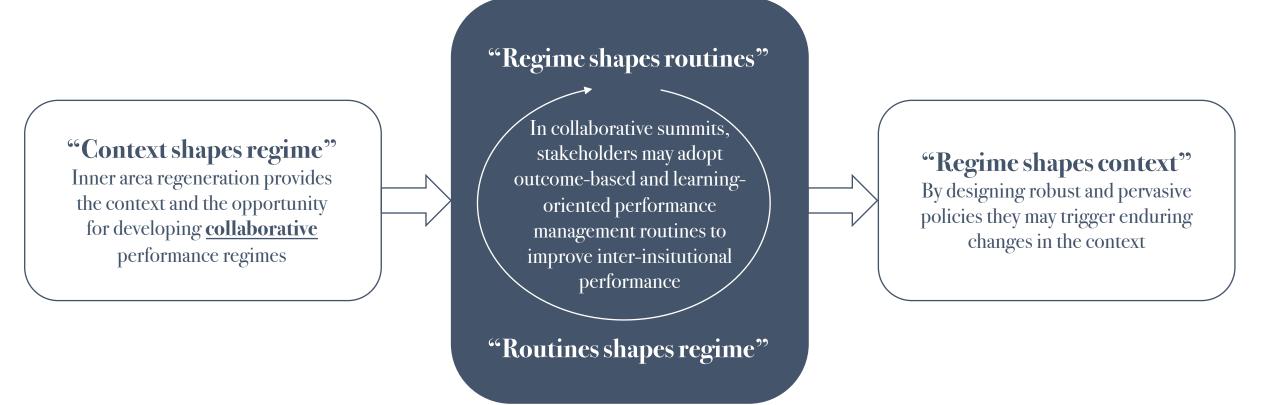
- 1.improving the knowledge and human capital of young people;
- 2.improving health care services for local communities and individuals;
- 3.improving public mobility services and transportation infrastructures;
- 4.fostering smart community services, social innovation, and tourism attractiveness;
- 5.enhancing green energy productions;
- 6.promoting biodiversity and local agricultural productions;

Hierarchy of outcomes measures

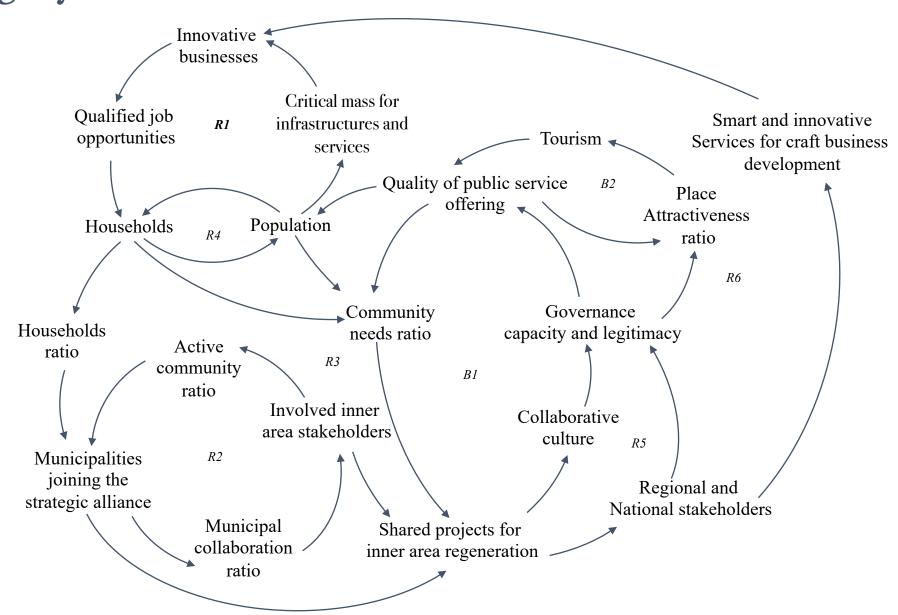




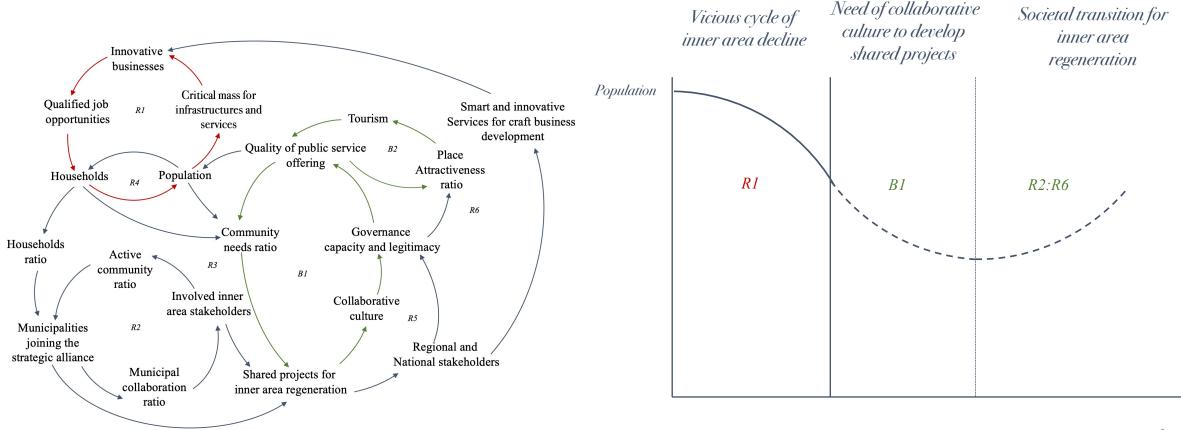




Depicting societal transition policy ideas through a feedback structure underlying Dynamic Performance Governance



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Conclusions

Benefits from adopting DPG to support collaborative performance regimes

- Dealing with system complexity (multi-agent and multi-level, bounded rationality, value conflicts or value dominance);
- Capturing cause-and-effect delays impacting on performance (i.e., performance drivers and outcomes);
- Intangibles;
- Tracking shared strategic resource accumulation and depletion;
- Feedback structure and performance behavior analysis;
- Detecting policy levers and framing stakeholder roles in performance regimes;

Contribution and support to performance regimes

- Attribution problem
- Enhancing learning to bridge governance with management and policy design with implementation
- Highlighting inter-insititutional vs. organizational policy levers through performance drivers



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